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SUBJECT: BRITISH POLICY TOWARD PALESTINIAN ENTITY ON
WEST BANK

1. TOWARD END OF CONVERSATION WITH FCO'S PARSONS JUNE 22
WE ADVERTED TO UNFOUNDED RUMORS CIRCULATING IN ARAB WORLD
LAST YEAR THAT BRITISH WERE SUPPORTING CONCEPT OF
PALESTINIAN ENTITY ON WEST BANK. PARSONS LOOKED PUZZLED
AT FIRST AND THEN SUGGESTED WE MUST BE REFERRING TO
STORIES AFTER VISIT OF LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER. HE
LEAPED UP AND FOUND US A COPY OF AN FCO TELEGRAM SENT
TO BEIRUT, MOSCOW, NEW YORK, AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY POSTS
MAY 2 THIS YEAR OUTLINING HMG POLICY ON PALESTINIAN
QUESTION.

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2. TELEGRAM, WHICH WAS SEVERAL PAGES LONG, DETAILED BRITISH POSITION ON RANGE OF ISSUES RELATING TO WEST BANK AND PALESTINE ALONG PREDICTABLE, UNEXCEPTIONABLE LINES WITH WHICH USG WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY. IT STATED THAT ANY ENCOURAGEMENT OF CONCEPT OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL ENTITY IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH BRITAIN'S RECOGNITION OF SOVEREIGNTY OF JORDAN. IT ALSO STATED THAT PALESTINIAN TALK OF BINATIONAL, SECULAR STATE IN PALESTINE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH HMG POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL. PARSONS ASSURED US THE RUMORS WERE WHOLLY FALSE.

3. PARSONS SAID PLO REPRESENTATIVE HERE (WHO WORKS OUT OF ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE) IS WELL AWARE OF HMG POSITION.

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